

ST. TIMOTHY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2011



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MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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AGENDA ANNUAL PARISH MEETING—JANUARY 22, 2012

<i>Prelude</i>	<i>Lyle Hecklinger, A.Mus.D.</i>
<i>Call to order</i>	<i>Kristen Merrick</i>
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By-laws

By-laws for St. Timothy Episcopal Church, Inc. of Perrysburg, Ohio

Article 1

Canons

The corporation and all the officers and members thereof shall at all times be subject to the General Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Canons of the Diocese of Ohio and specifically Title II, Canon 1, of parishes, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. In the event of a conflict between these by-laws and the General Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Canons of the Diocese of Ohio and specifically Title II, Canon 1, of parishes, (herein after "Canons"), the Canons shall control.

Article II

Parish Meetings

Section 1. In addition to the annual meeting of the parish which will be held in January of each year as provided by Title II, Canon 1, of parishes, special meetings of the parish may be held at any time upon call of the presiding officer or of the vestry, or at the written request of any ten (10) members of the parish who are qualified electors thereof.

Section 2. Not less than one (1) nor more than three (3) weeks written notice of any such special meeting, and the purpose thereof shall be mailed to all members of the parish, and like notice shall be posted upon the church bulletin boards and published in the parish bulletin if one is published.

Section 3. At any annual or special meeting, at least ten (10) qualified electors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The rector of the parish shall, if present, preside at all such meetings. In the absence of the rector, an officer of the parish shall preside, in the following order of priority (1) senior warden, (2) junior warden, (3) clerk. If none of the above is present, the meeting may elect a qualified elector as its presiding officer.

Article III

Funds of the parish

The vestry shall invest and control the funds belonging to the parish itself and the vestry shall adhere to the business practice requirements of the Diocese with respect to such actions. The Diocese of Ohio, having created a corporation known as "The Trustees of the Diocese of Ohio" for the purpose of investing and caring for the funds of the Diocese, the vestry may, in its discretion, turn over to such corporation for investment funds belonging to the Parish, and the action of the vestry taken in that regard is hereby ratified.

Article IV

Nomination and election of vestry

Section 1. The vestry shall consist of eleven (11) members, including one (1) youth member whose term shall be one (1) year, having the qualifications prescribed by the Canons of the Diocese, who, except for

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the youth member, shall be divided into three (3) classes whose terms of office shall expire at different times. All vestry members shall hold office for such terms or until the election and qualification of their successors. A member of the vestry may be removed for cause, upon not less than a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the vestry.

Vacancies occurring in the vestry prior to the third (3rd) Monday in November in any year may be filled by the remaining vestry members until the next annual parish election, at which time the vacancy for the balance of the term shall be filled.

Vestry members, after a three (3) year term or having filled in for more than one (1) year of an unexpired term, shall be ineligible for re-election to the vestry for a period of one (1) year. If a member is appointed to fill the unexpired term of less than one (1) year, that person will be eligible for reappointment to a full vestry term of three (3) years if nominated.

Section 2. The presiding officer shall each year appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members of the parish having the qualification of electors, and reporting to the same vestry at a meeting held no later than the third (3rd) Monday in November. The names of the members of the committee shall be posted on the bulletin board of the parish prior to the succeeding Sunday and published in the parish bulletin, if one is published, not later than the second succeeding Sunday.

Section 3. The nominating committee shall on or before December 15th prepare and deliver to the presiding officer a written report signed by the nomination committee, or a majority thereof, setting forth the names of as many qualified members of the parish as are needed to fill the positions in the vestry to be voted upon at the succeeding annual meeting of the parish.

Section 4. The presiding officer shall upon receiving from the nominating committee to report of nominations, cause a list thereof to be immediately posted upon the bulletin board and to be published in the parish bulletin if one is published at least two (2) weeks before the annual meeting and said list shall remain posted until the annual election.

Section 5. Up to the time of the election, other nominees for such vacancies may be made by qualified electors of the parish.

Section 6. In the event the nominations exceed the vacancies to be filled the presiding officer shall cause ballots to be prepared and at the annual parish meeting shall appoint three (3) qualified electors of the parish as tellers who shall supervise the elections.

Article V

Officers

The vestry shall, at its first meeting after any annual meeting, elect the following officers of the parish: a senior warden and junior warden, who shall be from its own number, and clerk, treasurer, assistant treasurer, and chancellor, who may be on the vestry, but may be non-vestry members who are a qualified elector of the parish. The officers shall have the duties prescribed by Title II, Canon 1.

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Article VI

Committees

Section 1. The vestry shall create an executive committee. In addition the vestry is able to form “special committees” for special assignments. These committees may include both vestry and non-vestry members. These committees may render advice and counsel to the vestry, but shall not exercise the authority of the vestry concerning the affairs of the church. Examples include the search committee, endowment committee, etc.

Article VII

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended, altered, supplemented, or repealed, in whole or part, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3rds), which however, shall in any case be not less than thirty-five (35), of all qualified electors present at an annual or special meeting of the parish, provided notice of such proposed action shall have been mailed to all members of the parish at least two (2) weeks prior to such a meeting and further provided that notice of the meeting included notice of the proposed amendment, alteration supplement, or repeal.

The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the vestry, in writing signed by either two (2) members of the vestry or four (4) qualified electors of the parish, read at the next vestry meeting, laid over to a second (2nd) meeting at which time it shall be voted on, then presented to the parish at a special or the annual meeting.

These by-laws have been amended and approved at the 2008 annual meeting of the parish. Said amendments have been verified by Phil Schmidt, chancellor of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on January 17, 2011

Opening- The Rev. Ken Pepin called the annual meeting to order at 10 am. as part of the Eucharist service.

Rector's report- Rev. Ken entitled his report and sermon "Turn on Your Headlights." He highlighted things he has seen this past year through his "lens of faith," all the things he has observed members of our parish doing as they shine the light of Christ into the world. He reminded us that "such devotional presence is reflective of a church not lost in the shadows or throes of death but rather thriving to live in the light of Christ."

Minutes- The minutes of the January 17, 2009 annual meeting were presented. Harry Shaw moved the minutes be accepted and Ben Otley seconded. Motion approved.

Senior warden's report- The report was read by Junior Warden, Kristen Merrick, in the absence of Greg Gregory. Our successes and challenges during 2010 were highlighted, the significant turnover in vestry this year was noted and explained, and gratitude was expressed to all those whose hard work contributed toward our many successes.

Expression of gratitude- Rev. Ken expressed his gratitude to staff members Lyle Hecklinger, Dawn Benschoter, Judy Snyder, Jim and Debi Dollar, and Mindy Withrow for their continuing support and talents. He expressed particular gratitude to Lyle Hecklinger for his efforts in the presentation of special music programs. Lyle was applauded for his "truly remarkable gift to this church." Retiring vestry members Allison Fisher, Greg Gregory, Stephanie Rieck, Asher Rieck, and Paul Tait were thanked for their service, as well as Gary Swartzbeck, retiring treasurer, and Dottie Wilkerson, retiring clerk.

Rector's use of time- Rev. Ken presented a pie chart denoting how his time is spent during an average week. Administrative tasks take up the largest portion, followed by pastoral care, worship, and other duties. An average week consists of 56 hours attending to the given tasks.

Nominating committee and elections- Kristen Merrick presented the slate of vestry members as proposed by the nominating committee. She noted that half of the vestry members were leaving this year as we continue to modify the vestry membership. In an effort to have approximately one-third of the vestry elected each year, two vestry positions are for one-year terms only. Serving three-year terms are John Bearss, Bob Huber, and Joe Sharp. Serving one-year terms are Kim Boos and Ginger Brown. The youth representative position will remain open at this time. Ben Otley moved to accept the slate and Harry Shaw seconded. Motion approved.

2010 Year-end financial report: After expressing gratitude to our outgoing treasurer Gary Swartzbeck, and to bookkeeper Judy Snyder for controlling our resources so well, Harry Shaw presented the 2010 treasurer's report. Operating funds began in 2010 with \$87,155 in cash. Revenue for 2010 was \$273,366 with expenses of \$310,203. Money from the endowment fund was used to cover costs. There is little opportunity for lowering costs as 90% of our costs are fixed. Expenses for the new security system will be split evenly between 2010 and 2011. Thanks+Giving was up 4% from the budget. Operating expenses were approximately \$23,000 less than budgeted due to favorable variances in human resource expense and lower building and operating expenses, lessening the need for endowment monies.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on January 17, 2011 cont.

Endowment fund: Harry Shaw reported the fund earned at a rate of 11% in 2010.

Proposed budget for 2011: Harry Shaw reported that the 2011 budget is similar to that of 2010 with a modest increase in Thanks†Giving and interest. Expenses increased across the board, but especially in the area of employee health care. Revenues are forecast to increase to \$267,190 which includes an endowment contribution of \$25,800. An additional operating deficit of \$28,000 will reduce our cash to below \$0 and require an additional \$15,000 from the endowment fund. Using the endowment fund to cover the shortfall is intended only as a short-term fix. Dick Fries moved and David Gemmill seconded to accept the proposed budget for 2011. Motion approved.

Security at St. Timothy's: Ron Davis reported that a security system has been installed and will be activated on February 1, 2011. Rationale includes the safety of personnel, parishioners, and others using the building. He stated that we are the last church in Perrysburg to install some kind of security system. Some churches are completely locked after hours. Some have door buzzers. Some have security camera systems. Ours will be a security camera system. The perimeter doors will be locked with entrance only through the door by the office off the main parking lot. This door will be open from 7 am to 5:30 pm weekdays and 7 am to 1 pm on weekends. Access cards and code numbers will be available to parishioners and groups using the building during off-hours.

Concerns and questions: A request was made to have copies of the annual report and the budget available the week before the date of the next annual meeting.

There being no further concerns or questions, Tibble Foster moved and Ron Davis seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous approval at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Fisher, acting clerk



Rector's Report

Seasons of Our Lives

Lyrics and music by Ken Pepin 1983

*Seasons of our lives keep on changing
Leaving us to search to find the way
Embracing the mystery of tomorrow
Accepting the gift of today.*

*With life comes suffering and sorrow
And tears to be wiped away.
I believe there is hope in the struggle
From God who calls us from within.*

*A lifetime is but a moment
Let's sit and watch it unfold.
We might want to dance to its music
Or gather to hear its story told.*

*The sun will always rise to the morning.
And in the evening it shall gently set.
A bond of love will come with forgiving
And calling forth the gift of a friend.*

I thought this song revealed God's gentle and ever present walk with us over this past year as a faith community. As I prepare my own transition, I am left with a great deal of gratitude for the people in the pews who are the heart and soul of this parish. We know that there have been opportunities for growth and learning in moving forward. Concepts such as transparency, trust building, truth-telling, and temperance were characteristic of our discussions over the past year and will hopefully shape your future leadership. I would be incredibly remiss not to thank Kristen Merrick whose leadership and partnership as senior warden have been nothing less than admirable. She has stood faithfully through a very difficult process and should be commended for her excellent work.

Many blessings for the future, Ken

Senior Warden's Report



Dear St. Timothy's Parish,

This past year we have identified and worked through many challenges and have enjoyed many accomplishments. At the beginning of the year vestry members were challenged with writing a strategic plan for the next three years. The purpose of this plan is to realize the goals and objectives of the church and how each one supports the mission of St. Timothy's. Developing this three year map would allow continuity and consistency as the vestry changes to ensure our goals are achieved.

The church also continues to host a variety of community programs including WSOS, a Head Start program that has made the Barber wing its new home for the next two years, the Wood County Health Department health clinics, and several support groups.

Several church events continue to be a success year after year including the chili cook off, blessing of the pets, the Memorial Day barbeque, and relay for life are just a few events that provide spirit and friendship among members of the church and the community.

As we enjoy the fruits of our labor we must also recognize our challenges. All families have disagreements and difficulties. This rings true for our family at St. Timothy's. We have experienced many changes over the past year, however I believe great things will come about in the future. The success of St. Timothy's and all that it has to offer its parishioners and the community is due to the dedication of volunteers and staff. I have faith that in the coming year St. Timothy's will continue to be a place where people can worship, seek solace, and grow spiritually.

Sincerely,

Kristen Merrick, senior warden

Vestry Nomination Report

Due to the resignation of Ron Davis, junior warden from the 2011 vestry, we are requesting an emergency appointment outlined in the following paragraph;

"The incoming senior warden has resigned the position, effective 12/31/11. To fill both the office and the remaining one year of the unexpired term, the vestry requests the parish to confirm its decision to appoint the outgoing Senior Warden, Kristen Merrick, to both the unexpired term and the senior warden vacancy for 2012. Due to the by-laws, because Kristen has already served a full-term as a vestry member, she is ineligible for re-election for a period of one year. However, the vestry has authority under the by-laws to both fill a vestry vacancy occurring prior to the third Monday in November until the next annual parish election and the duty to appoint both a senior and junior warden from the vestry itself. The parish confirmation of the vestry appointment of Kristen is due to a lack of guidance in the by-laws for filling vacancies occurring between the first Monday in November and the following annual meeting. While there may be a presumption that a vacancy would remain until the parish election, at this time for St. Tim's, the vestry believes that experience, continuity and continued leadership are paramount concerns."



Nominating Committee Report

The following individuals have agreed to place their name into nomination for the upcoming 2012 vestry:

- Ginger Brown for the worship committee
- Kylene Boos for the youth representative
- Sara North for the outreach committee
- Rick Brown for the warden in training
- Bil Gau for the CMT

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Merrick, senior warden

Attendance - average 78

January	75.6	April	91.6	July	61.2	October	81.8
February	78.5	May	90.2	August	64.75	November	67.4
March	69.2	June	75.25	September	81.75	December	99.4

Statistical Report

Baptisms	2	Deaths	0
Ethan James King			
Joshua James King		Transfers	0
Marriages	2	Reaffirmed	1
Melissa Ann Sharp and Kenneth Stuart Meister		Anne Bergstrom	
Emelie Baker Day and Jacob Andrew Simpson			



Officers and Advocates

Church staff

RectorRev. Kenneth R. Pepin
Organist/ChoirmasterDr. Lyle Hecklinger
BookkeeperJudy Snyder/David Gemmill
Administrative AssistantDawn Benschoter/
Diana Kiser
Sextons Jim and Debi Dollar
Communications/Development.....Mindy Withrow

Offices to the vestry

Chancellor.....Phil Schmidt
Treasurer.....Harry Shaw
Assistant Treasurer.....Jeff Day
Parish Clerk.....Diane Kleeberger/John Bearss

Memorial garden trustees

Rev. Ken Pepin, Kristen Merrick, Paul Tait, Sarah Secor, and Barbara Day.

Endowment fund

Rev. Ken Pepin, Fritz Wolfe, Russ Snyder, Rick Brown, Jeff Day, and Harry Shaw.

The vestry

Senior Warden.....Kristen Merrick
Junior Warden.....Ron Davis
Warden-in-Training.....John Bearss
Property.....Doug Neckers
Fellowship.....Bonnie Martin-Kudner
Outreach.....Ginger Brown
Thanks†Giving.....Barbara Coon
Membership.....Joe Sharp
Christian Education.....Kim Boos
Worship.....Bob Huber (Jan.– July)

Vestry classes

Class of 2012

Kim Boos.....Christian Education
Ginger Brown.....Outreach
Kristen Merrick.....Executive

Class of 2013

Barbra Coon.....Thanksgiving
Bonnie Martin-Kudner.....Fellowship
Doug Neckers.....Property
Open.....Junior Warden

Class of 2014

Joe Sharp.....Communication
John Bearss.....Executive
Open.....Worship



Treasurer's Report

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Finance Committee Report

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Endowment Report

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Outreach Report

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

To these two questions from *The Baptismal Service* found in *The Book of Common Prayer*, we answer, I will with God's help. For the past year members of the outreach committee have come together to help coordinate the ministries of the people of St. Timothy's. I would like to thank the following members for their hard work and diligent efforts to enable us to live out our baptismal vows.

Tammy Best Hope Jarvis Sue Neckers Nan Myers Robert Shreve Judy Snyder Doug Willis

Clothesline Ministry

Clothesline is an outreach ministry of St. Timothy's that opened in April 2009. We gather clothing donations for men, women and children and offer them for free to anyone that comes through our door. There are no residency, employment, or income requirements. This ministry strives to not only supply free clothing for those in need, but also to be a resource and a resting place for all those who seek us out.

Clothesline was open two Fridays a month through August to coincide with the Kitchen of Hope free lunch program at Zoar Lutheran Church and the PCU Food Pantry. Starting in September we opened every Friday from 9:30-11:30 am. We are manned by volunteers who sort clothing donations and help visitors as needed. Chairs, coffee, cookies, and toys are provided to encourage all to stop and visit with each other and us. We advertise through flyers distributed to churches, the Perrysburg food bank, Wood County Health Department, Wood County Jobs and Family Services, Perrysburg Messenger Journal, and word-of-mouth.

This year saw the formation of several significant partnerships:

St. John's Episcopal Church in Bowling Green began collecting clothing for us through the leadership of Pat Patton.

In September we welcomed 18 freshmen from Bowling Green State University and their advisor Dr. Madeline Duntley from the Chapman Learning Community. Each week students take turns coming to Perrysburg to help with Clothesline. They have also organized clothing drives, spearheaded a fashion show along with members of our youth group, and participated in the gift bag giveaway in December. These students have been a wonderful addition to our ministry and will continue to help through April 2012.

In November Way Library staff collected personal products for our Christmas gift bags, as well as clothing to add to the success of our Christmas open house celebration which was held on Friday December 9th. St. Tim's members again generously donated personal products and \$10 gas cards. Together with BGSU and Way Library we assembled and distributed over 50 gift bags to men, women and children. The economy continues to impact our numbers. Every week we see at least one new person/family in need, and we field several emergency calls each month.

Clothesline is supported by the prayers and donations of the entire parish and volunteers Kay Ball, Tibble Foster, Ken & Mery Pepin, Jeannine Willis, Ginger Brown, Ann Dana, Sue Neckers, and Barbara Coon. I would also like thank Diana Kiser for her support and administrative help, and Jim & Debi Dollar for keeping our space spic and span every week.

Respectfully submitted by Hope Jarvis

Outreach Report cont.

Relay For Life

Cancer has touched the lives of many parishioners and their families. For that purpose youth and adults from St. Timothy's participated in this year's walk to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The outreach committee allocated \$1,800 to support our walkers in this much needed ministry.

St. Timothy's Christmas Tea

For the past 23 years our parishioners have offered a beautiful Christmas Tea for seniors who live in the area. Over the years, we have found ourselves in the hearts of those who attend and they in ours. This year we were delighted to have 58 guests. Tea, tea sandwiches, and cookies were plentiful thanks to the wonderful members of our congregation. Entertainment was presented by Clint Mauk, story-teller extraordinaire, Beth Webb and Ginger Brown sharing an Abbot and Costello story, and our own St. Timothy's choir. Many thanks go out to Sue Neckers, Julia Bearss, and the many people who made this tea a reality.

Community Dinner at St. Marks

Jesus asks us to feed his children. To this end, for the last six years, 10 to 12 parishioners including some youth group members have participated twice a year in this program to feed the hungry. They have cooked, served, and helped to clean-up. For those who have participated, the rewards from this ministry have been many.

Meals on Wheels

Twenty-five years ago we surveyed the community of Perrysburg to identify the poor in our area. We concluded the senior population was in need and responded by developing programs to meet their needs. We joined with the newly founded Meals on Wheels program delivering meals to shut-in seniors twice a month. Over the years many of our parishioners have participated in this program, single individuals as well as families. What a wonderful way to teach your young ones the benefits of the gift of giving.

Thanks go to Hope Jarvis and most recently to Judy Snyder for their involvement in this program.

Perrysburg Christians United (PCU)

Our mission is to provide coordinated assistance to our neighbors in need in the wider Perrysburg community. This includes food, toys, information, and some aid in crisis situations. This has been another busy year for PCU. Our board now consists of 11 churches. There are two or three others who regularly contribute food. We have also been blessed with many community businesses and organizations having food drives for us. With an ever increasing client list, we need and appreciate everyone's help. St. Tim's involvement includes our monthly food Collection, bagging food, and staffing the food pantry once a month by Doug Willis and Robert Shreve. In addition to the on-going monthly food collections, we have the Lenten "Feed the 5000" tuna and meat collection and assist in the Post Office "Stamp out Hunger" drive in May. We also have occasional special collections when the pantry runs short. The PCU provides food for 200 families throughout the year.

Outreach Report cont.

Ministry to Haiti

This year the Diocese of Ohio has supported two ministries to aid those in Haiti who are still living in the devastation from the January 20th earthquake in 2010. Member, Ruth Laws sewed eighty plus dresses and shorts for the children of Haiti who were affected by this earthquake. The Episcopal cathedral was ruined as were many of the schools. Several of our parishioners have financially supported the “Bricks for Haiti” program of the diocese to aid in the repair of the cathedral.

Youth Thanksgiving Dinner

For the past twenty-five years, members of our Youth Group have shared a Thanksgiving meal with the residents of Louisiana House, a subsidized, independent living facility in Perrysburg. Once again we provided three turkeys. We also brought cranberry sauce, gravy, and stuffing. The residents provided many other wonderful side dishes and delicious desserts. This is an opportunity for our youth to spend time with seniors and it is a joy for all.

Episcopal Church Women/United Thanks Offering

Each year we pay dues to the ECW, a program of the national church. Many of you long time Episcopalians may remember the blue and white UTO boxes sitting on a table in your house. We are invited to keep the boxes in view and to place a monetary gift in them each time there is a blessing in our lives. For me as a child this was a wonderful way to express my thanks for all of God’s blessings. Although the collection happens twice a year, we at St. Timothy’s have decided to honor the May ingathering date. Boxes can be found on the table in the hallway at St. Tim’s.

Thanks be to God for you, the members of St. Timothy’s, who so graciously honor your baptismal commitment.

Respectfully submitted by Ginger Brown

Children’s Ministries Report

In 2011, Sunday school continued to offer Godly Play, ages 2 to 8, and All Things New, ages 8 to 12. We also continued the children’s gathering ceremony at the opening of each 10 am service. Teachers of both classes meet once a month for planning, implementing, and support. The weekly eNews helps keep teachers and families on the same page.

In addition to our Christian education classes, special events this year included an Easter egg hunt in the courtyard, the annual youth Sunday picnic, summer children’s worship, vacation Bible school, Sundae Sunday, nursing home visits in Halloween costumes to give “treat bags” to residents, community trash pick-up followed by a picnic, Toledo Museum of Art visit, advent workshop, and the Christmas pageant.

Thank you to all the teachers and families who have participated in this very important aspect of our mission, educating our children.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boos



Adult Choir Report

The following is a list of people who participated in the adult choir at St. Timothy's during 2011:

Sopranos

Catherine Huber, Sue Neckers, Judy Snyder, and Lisa Wolfe.

Altos

Mary Jane Anderson, Dasha Filippova, Grey Schmidt, and Mindy Withrow.

Tenors

Bill Davis, Doug Neckers, and Steve Weiser.

Basses

Jack Burton, Bob Huber, Bob Shreve, Russ Snyder, And Fritz Wolfe.

The adult choir admirably leads the congregation singing hymns and service music throughout the year. Many new selections of music were offered. The supplemental hymnal, "Wonder, Love, and Praise,"

which is the green hymnal in the pews is being used most Sundays as music during communion.

An Evensong was offered by the St. Michael's and St. Tim's choirs on Sunday, May 22, 2011. The service was held at St. Michael's and featured sections of the Requiem by Gabriel Faure. This event marked the retirement of Paul Marion, organist-choirmaster at St. Michael's, and commemorated his 35+ years of service at St. Michael's. The St. Tim's choir also participated in singing carols for the Senior Tea on Sunday, December 11, 2011. New choir members are always welcome. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm. The organist-choirmaster would like to thank the members of the choir for the many hours spent practicing, participating, and leading the music in the worship of our Lord.

Faithfully submitted by Lyle Hecklinger, A.Mus.D.

Men's Group Report

The Men's Group is made up of 23 men from various backgrounds, spiritual disciplines, and mindsets. Of these gentlemen, 21 can be said to maintain a regular attendance record. Eleven are members of St. Timothy's. They meet each Thursday morning at 7:30 am in the library serving coffee and doughnuts. The group follows a customary format by selecting an interesting book, reading a manageable portion, and use the message(s) gleaned as a basis for discussion. They sometimes admittedly fall from the stated goal and find themselves discussing whatever political or social outrage is currently preying on their minds. There are no dues, no elections, and no leaders. The only responsibilities members must carry out involve having an opinion, buying an occasional doughnut, leading the opening prayers once in a while, and

respecting everyone's opinion and the right to state it.

The group is currently reading and discussing a pre-publication edition of "Beyond Happily Ever After" by Donald Scherer and Carolyn Jobs. Dr. Scherer is a member of the group and an ardent environmental ethicist.

Among the 42 books read since their inception are "Religious Literacy" by Stephen Prothero, "The Meaning of Jesus, Two Versions" by Marcus Borg and N. T. Wright, "American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation" by Jon Meacham, and "Justice" by Michael Sandel.

All men regardless of church affiliation or religious convictions are invited, encouraged, and welcomed.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Campbell



Thanks†Giving Committee

The preparation for the Thanks†Giving campaign began with Tibble Foster and Paul Tait, former campaign chairs. Following their advice and direction, a strong steering committee was formed and met on April 15th with the following members: Julia Bearss, creator of “Poster Sign-ups, including table decorations, Bob Campbell, writer of many articles about parishioners in Tidings, Rick and Terry Hoff, always ready and helpful, Bonnie Kudner, just the one that knows where everything is in cupboards and basement, Paul Tait, with lots of ideas and experience Kristen Merrick, senior warden, and Harry Shaw, treasurer. The following format was agreed upon for the Thanks†Giving Campaign 2011:

September 11th

Sunday brunch with information about this year’s campaign format. Nearly 50 people attended bringing quiche, fruit, and coffee cake.

October 16th

Sloppy Joes were supplemented by parishioners with casseroles, fruit, vegetables, and desserts. While luncheon was being enjoyed, Hope Jarvis had her BG students, and some of St. Tim’s teenagers model clothing from Clothesline. The fashion show included a very clever, humorous script. Pledge packets were distributed to parishioners, and Harry Shaw explained St. Timothy’s finances. Including models, 70 people attended.

November 13th

Everyone brought their “Sunday Best Celebratory Food Dishes.” Carranor Polo Club prepared the turkey, dressing, and gravy. After fellowship, parishioners enjoyed wine, hors d’oeuvres and dinner. Our good neighbors, the Gracies, from Grace United Methodist Church helped serve and clean-up.

St. Timothy’s Got Talent Show entertained us with a piano rendition of “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” by pianist Reagan Otley and vocalist Maggie Otley. Mary Ann Mead beautifully sang “Taylor, the Latte Boy.” Beth Webb and Marcia Grobe presented their humorous interpretation of “Loafing” created by Abbott and Costello. Lastly, Rick and Terry Hoff transformed into Sonny and Cher lip-syncing “I Got You Babe.”

The remaining food was donated to the Kitchen for the Poor, for which they were very grateful. Ninety to 100 people attended. At the time of the dinner 50% of the pledges had been received. Everyone was encouraged to return their pledge if they had not already done so.

Pledge packets contained:

A message from senior warden, Kristen Merrick, concerning the future of St. Timothy’s, and a letter of encouragement, a humorous testimonial from Greg and Louise Gregory, financial pie chart for 2012, highlights of 18 various church activities entitled “Ways to Grow With Us,” and a 2012 pledge card.

These packets and activities at church could not have happened without the help of our office staff Ken, Dave, and Diana. Thank You!

Submitted by Barbra Coon

Altar Guild Report

Altar Guild Sees Beyond Task To Spirit

What are the parameters of the spirit, which infuses and quickens our altar guild?

First our members are motivated by the love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ. We serve directly, with our hands, at His altar. Secondly, we are a cohesive group, doing the same thing in the same manner, relying on one another to carry out our assigned tasks. Some of these call for a unique frame of mind, a sense of the way in which the trivial meshes with the divine.

The members of our altar guild are able to see beyond the material dimension of our work to the spirit, which indwells each of us. We perform our tasks with one thought in mind – to the Glory of God – and equally with one another. We take deep pleasure in the fact that we all play so personal, as well as a corporate role in the preparation of the bread and wine which He chose as the means by which He becomes present, spiritually and emotionally to us all. We set and clear His table as well as partake of His meal, just as we nurture loved ones at home. We arrange the materials through which Christ nurtures His people in the church. What more enriching and appropriate ministry could we be asked to serve? As always, the altar guild is open to any member of the church who is willing to be trained in the proper preparation of the elements. It is a ministry that can easily be done in quiet and solitude to feel the loving presence of our Lord.

Please feel free to approach any altar guild member if you feel a call to a ministry that is very fulfilling. For the year 2011, I would like to thank the following men and women for their continued ministry.

Nancy Burton

Greg Gregory

Bob Campbell

Louise Gregory

Barbara Day

Evelyn Lane

Allison Fisher

Pat Mauk

Carol Williams

It is with sadness that we are bidding farewell to Louise and Greg Gregory. They are moving out west. They have been a great asset to this ministry and they will be sorely missed.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Snyder



Fellowship Report

The fellowship committee's mission is to create opportunities for camaraderie by bringing together church members (and non-members) for social events. During the year social events may include but are not limited to game night, TGIF, road rally, golf outings, etc. In addition, the hospitality committee, functioning within the fellowship committee, is responsible for coordinating church related events and helping to coordinate events with other committees on an as needed basis.

Committee members: Marg Baril, Julia Bearss, Ginger Brown, Hope Jarvis, Jo Van Dyne, Bill Kudner, and Bonnie Martin-Kudner.

Events that we have hosted/lent support during 2011.

January/February/March

- Supported "Protecting God's People"
- Promoted Bruckner concert at rosary cathedral
- Planned TGIF at Sean's Irish Tavern

April/May/June

- Coordinated game/pizza night
- Coordinated TGIF at Jed's and Chowders
- Planned girls night out
- Supported Memorial Day chicken BBQ

July/August/September

- Supported VBS picnic
- Supported Thanks†Giving breakfast kickoff
- Planned TGIF at Zinfuls

October/November/December

- Coordinated TGIF Oktoberfest at Aficionado
- Promoted King James Bible lecture at Toledo Museum of Art
- Supported for Thanks†Giving dinner
- Coordinated holiday cookie exchange

Submitted by Bonnie Martin-Kudner

Property Report

Property Committee Report prepared by D. C. Neckers (committee members Ron Davis, Russ Snyder, Bill Davis, John Bearss, Jim Dollar *ex officio*).

Maintenance logs are kept in the office. Details of all repairs, purchases, and other matters with respect to St. Tim's properties are kept there. These logs must be kept up to date. Parishioner volunteers are encouraged to record every maintenance contribution in these logs for future reference.

Church building: the church building, per se, is in excellent shape. During the year, arrangements were made for window air conditioners to be installed in the fellowship hall. Windows are washed and rugs cleaned on an as needed basis. Furnace maintenance is on-going. The sacristy has been re-painted. The alarm system seems to be settling in, and training sessions for new users have been completed. The boilers will need attention soon and questions remain about the long term use of the kitchen. Russ Snyder will begin refinishing the backs of the pews in the sanctuary soon. Questions have been raised about the piano in the sanctuary. It may not meet the requirements of the professional music community. Most of these items are for the long term and will require further discussion.

Office: equipment changes in the office were necessitated by the age of the equipment. New equipment and software, save for the rector's equipment, has been purchased and is operational (refer communications committee).

Grounds: the grounds have received significant attention this year under the guidance of Clint Mauk and a newly appointed landscape committee. Eleven trees have been planted. All were replacements. Black Diamond will maintain the trees in the future. A tree memorial was started with, so far, seven parishioners contributing \$250 each for a tree. Memorial bricks will be set on the memorial garden walk in the spring. We have two hemlocks in the memorial garden for which we solicit donations. It is the intention of the landscape committee to establish a revolving memorial fund to maintain the grounds in the future. Creek bank cleanup was done by Boy Scout Troop 198 thanks to Paul Tait. Lawn mowing, fertilization, sprinkler maintenance, leaf cleanup and snow removal are contracted annually. Information for the year past is in the maintenance log.

Memorial Garden: thanks to Kay Ball a memorial garden maintenance man was engaged for the summer. Continued attention to it, in detail, will be required every year.

Rectory: the rectory required substantial maintenance, up-grade, repair, and improvement this year. Its long-term tenant vacated on April 1. Thanks to Russ Snyder and Brent Meyers a new furnace was installed and most of the necessary upgrades and repairs were completed so that a new tenant could occupy by August 1. Items, some of which became emergencies, remain and a substantive change/cleanup/maintenance of the rectory's grounds is anticipated this spring.

Kudos: St. Tim's is a big operation. The parish occupies nearly 4 acres on a visible site in the city, and its buildings are like all of our homes, never forgiving. Our property could not be maintained without the generous, competent, unselfish contributions of many volunteers. The chair takes this opportunity to thank each and every one and to name, individually, just a few.



Property Report cont.

Russ Snyder, Brent Meyers, Ron Davis, John Bearss, Clint Mauk, Paul Tait, Kay Ball, Judy Snyder, Florence Wheeldon, Sue Neckers, and all who worked with these generous persons in making St. Tim's what it is, a beautiful oasis in a pleasant suburb.

Last but not least the property committee, for the parish, complements and thanks Jim and Debbie Dollar. They work hard on and for St. Tim's and are an absolute delight to work with. Thanks Jim. Thanks Debbie. We really appreciate your contributions.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Neckers

Prayer Chain and Helping Hands Reports

Prayer chain

St. Timothy's prayer chain is a group of women and men whose mission is to pray for others. I can say that in any given week we receive a calls requesting a prayer. It might be for someone who is sick, in the hospital, struggling with a particular problem or concern, a person who is dying, or someone who has lost a loved one. Whatever the case these wonderful women and men perform intercessory prayers for our friends and loved ones.

Members in the prayer chain have been:
Margaret Oglivie, Jo An Van Duyne,
Diane Kleeberger, Pat Cameron, Ann Dana,
Nancy Burton, and Nancy Crotty.

If you have a prayer request or wish to join the prayer ministry call Nancy Burton at 419-874-1565 or the church office at 419-874-5704.

Submitted by Rev. Ken Pepin

Helping hands

St. Timothy helping hands ministry refers to a ministry that reaches out to parishioners that may be experiencing a short-term emergency based needs due to a variety of life altering events including the death of a loved one, separation or divorce, birth of a child, or critical health concerns. A team of three or so helpers rotate duties each month.

Teams:

1. Mary Tudor, Paul Tait, and Beth Webb.
2. Bob and Jo Ann Shreve, Rick and Terry Huff, and Bob Campbell.
3. Pam Davis, Hope Jarvis, Florence Wheelden, Charlie and Ann Dana.
4. Marj Baril, Kay Ball, Judy Snyder, and Barb Coon.

Submitted by Rev. Ken Pepin

Communication Report

Membership spotlight interviews were conducted from our group and posted to Tidings. We continue to provide the new monthly signage for the front lawn throughout the year, produced press releases for the Perrysburg Messenger Journal, and newspaper advertising for the Easter service, Memorial day BBQ, vacation Bible school, blessing of the pets, and Sunday school program. We also produced various advertising banners, posters and t-shirts for the Memorial day BBQ, posters for the inside of the church promoting various events throughout the year, and new signage for Clothesline.

The communications committee will take the lead on redesigning the website and communicating to the vestry and will ask the congregation if they would like to be a part of the website project. The proposed plan is to update to new technology and identify a company that will provide website development that offers a content management system as part of the overall design. The basic pricing consists of offering the website in a template design system that is controlled by a content management system. This will allow the office to populate the new beta (test) site with approved content from the communication committee and allows the vestry to see the progress of the rebuild. Once the design and content has been approved, the beta site will be promoted to the live site.

We contacted the Diocese office in Cleveland and the national church over several months asking if they would send any branding and marketing plans and examples they have to support the various parishes. The national church indicated they have a new branding and marketing campaign that is scheduled to start the end of March. Unfortunately, neither group had anything to send us. They indicated this is important, but nothing further has been developed nor sent out.

Communications Committee will now be structured under the Outreach Committee as a subcommittee or group.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Sharp